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Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant submits herewith information that the Office may wish to consider in examination of the subject application.

Materials submitted for consideration are listed on the attached form PTO-SB08.

Also attached is the European Search Report in which the relevance of the references is listed.

Respectfully submitted,

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